

b1 a client to query the server of the second type to obtain the server list and to query each server on the server list to learn of the at least one conference maintained by each server.

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b2 10. (Amended) A method for determining information concerning conferences handled by a server of a first type based on configuration data maintained by a server of a second type comprising the steps of:

querying by a second client the server of the second type to learn of the server of the first type; and,

querying by the second client of the server of the first type to learn of a conference published by a first client to the server of the first type.

11. (Amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of creating and publishing the conference by the first client to the server of the first type.

12. (Amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising joining by the second client of the conference published by the first client.

13. (Amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of querying by the second client of the server of the second type for an identification of the first client.

14. (Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising:
querying by the first client of the server of the second type for an identification of the first client;

modifying by the first client of information stored in a
user object regarding the first client; and,

b2 updating by the first client of the user object with the server of the second type.

Sub 20. (Amended) A client computer comprising:

a processor;

b3 a computer-readable medium; and,

a computer program executed by the processor from the medium to query a first server, disposed to manage data of a first type including a server list, to obtain the server list maintained by the first server and to query each server on the server list to learn of at least one conference maintained by each server on the server list.

b4 24. (Amended) The client computer of claim 23, wherein the computer program further comprises:

means for encrypting and authenticating the means for storing information regarding each conference learned of by the client and means for storing information regarding each user learned of by the client; and,

means for parsing conference information received by each server on the server list.

Sub 25. (Amended) A computer-readable medium having a computer program stored thereon for execution on a computer to query a first server, disposed to manage data of a first type including a server list, to obtain the server list and to query each server on the server list to learn of at least one conference maintained by each server on the server list.

Please add the following claims:

b5 29. (New) The invention as in claim 1 wherein the data of the first type is dynamic data and the data of the second type is static data.